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1 34. (New) The device of claim 33, wherein the first information tag is an optical
2 target, the second information tag is a radio (RF) tag, and the first processing circuit generates
3 the information from an image of the first information tag.

1 35. (New) The device of claim 34, wherein the optical target is an optical bar code.

1 36. (New) The device of claim 33, further comprising:
2 a manual selector switch that, depending upon a setting, individually enables or
3 disables the first processing circuit and the second processing circuit.

1 37. (New) The device of claim 33, further comprising:
2 an automatic backup circuit that initiates a communication between the second
3 processing circuit and the second information tag if the information is not generated
4 within a predetermined interval of time.

1 38. (New) The device of claim 33, further comprising:
2 a corruption detection circuit, coupled to the first processing circuit, that signals
3 the first processing circuit to generate new information when the corruption detection
4 circuit detects that the information is corrupt.

1 39. (New) The device of claim 33, wherein the information comprises identification
2 data corresponding to the second information tag.

1 40. (New) The device of claim 33, wherein the information comprises location data
2 corresponding to the second information tag.

1 41. (New) The device of claim 33, wherein the second information tag stores a
2 plurality of data sets, each data set associated with a plurality of goods associated with the
3 second information tag, selected from the following group of data sets:

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4 a source of the goods;
5 a destination of the goods;
6 an inventory of the goods;
7 a shelf-life of the goods;
8 a current temperature of the goods;
9 a preferred storage temperature of the goods;
10 biological sensor data for the goods; and
11 pressure sensor data for the goods.

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42. (New) An identification system for goods stored by a carrier unit, comprising:
a temporary carrier unit for storing articles of commerce;
a plurality of goods stored on the carrier unit;
a first information tag disposed on the carrier unit;
a second information tag disposed on the carrier unit, wherein the second
information tag is of a different type than the first information tag; and
a device that reads the first information tag and the second information tag, the
device comprising:
an antenna;
an first processing circuit that generates information from the first
information tag; and
a second processing circuit, coupled to the antenna, that utilizes the
information to communicate with the second information tag.

43. (New) The identification system of claim 42, wherein the first information tag is
an optical target, the second information tag is a radio (RF) tag, and the first processing circuit
generates the information from an image of the first information tag.

44. (New) The identification system of claim 43, wherein the optical target is an
optical bar code.

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1 45. (New) The identification system of claim 42, the device further comprising:
2 a manual selector switch that, depending upon a setting, individually enables or
3 disables the first processing circuit and the second processing circuit.

1 46. (New) The identification system of claim 42, the device further comprising:
2 an automatic backup circuit that initiates a communication between the second
3 processing circuit and the second information tag if the information is not generated
4 within a predetermined interval of time.

1 47. (New) The identification system of claim 42, the device further comprising:
2 a corruption detection circuit, coupled to the first processing circuit, that signals
3 the first processing circuit to generate new information when the corruption detection
4 circuit detects that the information is corrupt.

1 48. (New) The identification system of claim 42, wherein the information comprises
2 identification data corresponding to the second information tag.

1 49. (New) The identification system of claim 42, wherein the information comprises
2 location data corresponding to the second information tag.

1 50. (New) The identification system of claim 42, wherein the second information tag
2 stores a plurality of data sets, each data set associated with a plurality of goods associated with
3 the second information tag, selected from the following group of data sets:

- 4 a source of the goods;
5 a destination of the goods;
6 an inventory of the goods;
7 a shelf-life of the goods;
8 a current temperature of the goods;
9 a preferred storage temperature of the goods;
10 biological sensor data for the goods; and

pressure sensor data for the goods.

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51. (New) A method of communicating between a reader device and a carrier unit, wherein the carrier unit includes a plurality of goods stored therewith, includes a first information tag disposed thereon, and includes a second information tag disposed thereon, wherein the second information tag is of a different type than the first information tag, and wherein the reader device includes a first processing circuit for reading the first information tag, the method comprising the steps of:

reading the first information tag using the reader device;
establishing communication between the reader device and the second information tag based upon information received from the reading of the first information tag; and
receiving at the reader device from the second information tag status information corresponding to the carrier unit.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the first information tag is an optical target, the second information tag is a radio (RF) tag, and the reader device reads the information from an image of the first information tag.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the optical target is an optical bar code.

54. (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the status information comprises status information for the plurality of goods.

55. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising the steps of:
transmitting new status information from the reader unit to the second information tag; and
storing the new status information on the second information tag.

56. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising the step of transmitting from